

SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHICAGO, IL  
100 PM CDT MON MAY 2 2005

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SUBJECT CHANGE IN FLOOD STAGE AT LOCATIONS IN NORTHEAST  
ILLINOIS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 2005 AT 9 AM CDT

On Wednesday June 1 2005...at 9 AM CDT...NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS)  
Chicago Forecast Office in Romeoville Illinois will change the flood stage at the  
following locations to the new flood stages listed below:

Stream/Location	New flood stage	Old flood stage
Des Plaines River at Riverside, IL	7 feet	6 feet
Kankakee River near Wilmington, IL	6.5 feet	5 feet
Illinois River at Morris, IL	16 feet	13 feet

It has been determined that the old flood stages at the above locations were too low and no significant problems occurred when water elevations reached flood stage. Flood warnings issued at the old flood stage levels caused undue alarm. In order to provide improved flood warning services the flood stages have been modified to represent levels at which minor flooding begins in the river reach. These changes have been coordinated and approved by local and county emergency management officials.

The Chicago office of NOAA's National Weather Service has implemented advanced hydrologic prediction service (AHPS). AHPS enables NOAA's National Weather Service to provide five day forecasts and long-range probabilistic river outlooks. Additional supportive data and explanation are available on the internet at: [weather.gov/chicago](http://weather.gov/chicago) (internet addresses are all lower case).

NOAA's National Weather Service welcomes public feedback. If you have any questions or comments on this change...please contact:

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